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As you are aware, from your experience over the past ten years in participating in meetings and other interactions involving the HLW program, NRC has a longstanding practice of both providing the public with the fullest information practicable on its activities, and of conducting business in an open manner (58 FR 48081). In keeping with this policy and to provide more opportunity for interaction with the public in this time of reduced budgets, NRC considers your suggestion worthy of careful consideration. As a first step toward implementation, NRC will include your proposal on the agenda of the next quarterly NRC and DOE management meeting, for discussion with DOE, State of Nevada, affected units of local government, and Indian Tribes. Dr. Michael J. Bell, Acting Chief, Performance Assessment and HLW Integration Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, will contact you directly to discuss this proposal further.

Sincerely,

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